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Board Offers \$10,000 Reward

At its meeting Wednesday, the Board of Supervisors authorized a \$10,000-reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the hit-and-run driver responsible for killing 38-year old Jose Arreola and critically injuring his seven- year-old daughter Angelica. The incident occurred last April at the intersection of Santa Ana Boulevard and Watts Avenue in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the Arreola family during this sad and difficult time," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "It is my hope that this reward will encourage witnesses and anyone with information to step forward to help bring closure to this family."

On April 20, father and daughter were walking along the crosswalk near Angelica's school, Ritter Elementary School, when the two were struck by a pearl-white Cadillac Escalade. The driver, who is described as a heavy set Hispanic male in his late 20's to early 30's, with short hair and a goatee, failed to yield to the Arreolas.

After striking the victims, the suspect fled the scene and drove westbound on Santa Ana Boulevard. The hit-and-run, which resulted in the death of Jose, has left Angelica in stable but critical condition. According to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, she suffered severe trauma to her head and has undergone

brain surgery.

The 2000-2006 model Cadillac Escalade is believed to have sustained moderate damage to the hood, front grille, and right front bumper. Auto body repair shops and residents are urged to report any information.

The California Highway Patrol emphasizes that the immigration status of witnesses who come forward will not come under investigation and is urging anyone with information to contact the South Los Angeles Office at (310) 516-3355 or (323) 259-2010.